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It's Autumn in D.C.! The Air is Crisp! The leaves are bright yellows and reds! The OSD Program/Budget Review is in full swing, and the FY14 Financial Statement Audits are underway! If this is not enough fun for you, your ASMC Chapter has great activities planned for All and it's a super time for everyone to get involved! Our website is your one-stop shop to learn about and sign-up for Chapter opportunities for education and networking with fellow Chapter members. Once again, we have a great Holiday Social planned for Thursday December 4th at Army-Navy Country Club. You can register NOW on

our webpage. This is another great opportunity for you to meet and mingle in a fun and festive atmosphere. Don't forget to bring your "Toys for Tots" and canned food for our Food Drive! We also have our next Community Service event scheduled in December! Join fellow Chapter members on Friday, December 12 to help the Capital Area Food Bank pack and sort food for the Holiday season. Details are on our webpage under "Events". Planning is in full swing for our National Capital Region Professional Development Institute (PDI) scheduled for 3 March 2015. Registration for the NCR PDI opens 1 December. Remember,

space is limited and last year we were "oversubscribed". We also have a great line-up of luncheon speakers for the 2014-2015 year including the Honorable Mike McCord, DoD Comptroller and the Honorable Jamie Morin, DoD Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation. I look forward to seeing many of you at lunch! Food, Fun, Fellowship and Great Speakers! Can't beat it! Don't forget that there are opportunities for you to volunteer for one of our many committees (listed on our website under "Leadership") which are shaping our PDI,



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education/training, and publicity/outreach programs. The Fall is a Great Time To Volunteer! I look forward to meeting and networking with all of you! Your new ideas are always welcome!



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<http://www.washington-asmc.org>

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August Luncheon

Recap

The August Luncheon Topic was the ASMC Annual Survey of FY15 DoD FM Priorities, Challenges, Concerns. The survey's theme addressed both defense and nondefense discretionary spending continuing to fall as a share of the federal budget pie, financial managers within the military establishment are becoming increasingly intent on working smarter to get better results with fewer resources.

The following presenters spoke on the survey's data and answered questions from the audience:

Mr Al Runnels, CDFM, ASMC Executive Director

Mr. Dennis Taitano, CDFM, DASN-FO

Mr. Doug Bennett, CDFM, DASAF-FO

Mr. Tom Steffens, ASA(FM&C)

Upcoming Events

November Luncheon

Sponsored by Washington Chapter Navy Members
Wednesday, 19 November 2014

Speaker: The Honorable David Mader, Controller, OMB



Westin Crystal City (formerly Sheraton) located: 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 22202.

Westin Crystal City Hotel is conveniently located in the heart of Arlington's Crystal City, adjacent to the Crystal City Metro Station (Yellow and Blue Lines).

Social 1130, Lunch 1200
 Register at

<https://secure.rhq.com/ireg/public/index.cgi?evid=R13-06-01-ASMC>

ASMC December Social- Time is running out to register

Back by Popular Demand



American Society of Military Comptrollers Washington Chapter Annual Holiday Social

*Army-Navy Country Club
1700 Army Navy Drive,
Arlington, VA 22202*

*Thursday, December 4, 2014
5:30 – 8:30 pm*

**\$20.00 Online Registration Opens
October 15, 2014****

Please register via ASMC Washington Chapter Website at
<https://secure.rhq.com/ireg/public/index.cgi?evid=R14-07-23-ASMC>

**** Online Registration deadline is December 2, 2014**

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**Food, Fun, Fellowship and Cash Bar
See you there. . .**

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FOR MORE EVENTS VISIT: [ASMC Website](#)



ASMC Community Service Event

Friday, December 12, 2014

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**Capital Area Food Bank
4900 Puerto Rico Avenue NE
Washington, DC.**

Join fellow ASMC Washington Chapter members by helping to the Capital Area Food Bank from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. on Friday December 12, 2014. The Capital Area Food Bank works with a network of 500 partner agencies to source out over 40 million pounds of food with volunteer help. We will help the Capital Area Food Bank with packing and/or sorting donated food and assisting with various other tasks. The volunteer work is considered light/medium labor and typically involves standing up for up to three hours and lifting up to 35 pounds. This volunteer activity will take place in the food donations room or repack room where the temperatures can fluctuate, so please dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes.

Volunteers will meet at the Capital Area Food Bank located at 4900 Puerto Rico Avenue NE, Washington DC starting at 1:00 p.m. This project is metro accessible via the Brookland Metro station on the Red Line.

To sign up visit the following website and register.

- 1) Click here [Click here](https://capitalareafoodbank.volunteermatrix.com/sys-php/matrix/view.php?Q=CQ9ZP) (i.e., visit website: <https://capitalareafoodbank.volunteermatrix.com/sys-php/matrix/view.php?Q=CQ9ZP>) and select “New Volunteer Registration” (If you have already volunteered with CAFB and have set up log-in information, click “Log In”)
- 2) Once you have registered/logged-in, navigate back to the volunteer calendar and scroll down to December 12.
- 3) December 12 should be highlighted in yellow, and you should see time reserved for ASMC. Click the button to “Sign Up.”
- 4) Read the waiver and initial in the box. Click “OK”
- 5) Click on “Add Yourself”. This completes the sign up process.
- 6) Important: Please confirm registration by logging out, logging back in, clicking on “My Profile, Schedule, Groups, Hours, Etc.” If you see our event in yellow and a message that “Your group is scheduled here, but you are not,” please repeat steps 4 & 5. When returning to your schedule, the event should be green and you should now have the option to cancel should your schedule change.

Please contact **Kayla Futch** at kfutch@kpmg.com with any questions.

How can you donate this season?

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Ways to donate this holiday season!

Please bring your toy and food donation to the Holiday reception on **December 4, 2014.**

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Toy drive for

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TOYS FOR TOTS



What to donate

All unwrapped gifts for children up to the age of 16 are welcomed, **except** for realistic looking weapons and gifts with food.

Consider donating toys for ages 0–2 years and 12–14 years, since few people donate such toys.

To donate by check, make check payable to: Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

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Food drive for the Capital Area Food Bank



Mission

The mission of the Capital Area Food Bank is to feed those who suffer from hunger in the Washington metro area by acquiring food and distributing it through its network of partner agencies; and educating, empowering and enlightening the community about the issues of hunger and nutrition.

What to donate

Any of the food items listed at right.



Canned Tuna, Salmon, or Chicken



Canned Vegetables
low sodium, no salt added



Canned Fruits
in light syrup or its own juices



Grains
brown & white rice, pasta, macaroni & cheese



Hot and Cold Cereal
oatmeal, cheerios, corn-flakes, raisin bran



Canned or Dry Beans



Healthy Snacks
apple sauce cups, raisins, granola bars



Peanut Butter



100% Juice
all sizes, including juice boxes

National News

from the National ASMC

Hagel and Army leaders call for sequestration fix in 2016

Friday, October 31st, 2014

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel blamed many of the readiness problems the Army and other military services are experiencing on the deep cuts forced by sequestration

Speaking at the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Annual Meeting and Exposition earlier this month, Hagel warned that failure to fix sequestration risks a return to an Army that is undertrained, under-equipped, outnumbered, and unprepared." Because of sequestration, last year the Army had to cancel so many training rotations that we had only two active-duty brigade combat teams who were fully ready and available to execute a major combat mission," he charged.

Hagel acknowledged that some budget relief has been enacted, but stressed that sequestration is still law. Unless there is an agreement to fix sequestration, Hagel said, "it will return in 2016—stunting the Army's readiness just as we've begun to recover, and requiring even more dramatic reductions in force structure."

Hagel also pressed for congressional approval of DoD's proposed program reductions, trade-offs, and compensation reforms to mitigate the stress on readiness levels and modernization plans. If Congress does not act, Hagel warned, DoD "could face a \$70 billion cut in our budget over the next five years." As a result, the military services "would have little choice but to make up the differences through cuts to readiness," he said.

Hagel urged Congress to be "a partner in responsible, long-term planning and budgeting" and to end sequestration, which he called "an irresponsible deferral of responsibility."

Army Secretary John McHugh, opening the AUSA meeting, voiced similar concerns. He warned that if sequestration is implemented in 2016 "another round of indiscriminate cuts will gut our force so we're unable to meet the president's defense strategic guidance." He called on Congress to support predictable, long-term funding plans. "This is a time for predictability," he said

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno has echoed Hagel's and McHugh's remarks. Odierno called 2016 a "breaking point." He said if sequestration returned in 2016 it would take the Army budget down \$9 billion from the current plan. He emphasized this cut would significantly degrade the force "because I cannot take people out fast enough."

Odierno called for a "balance" between manpower, modernization and training, which sequestration make difficult to maintain. "This is a lousy way to do business," he said.

For more news and updates, visit

<http://www.asmconline.org>



Training and Education

Attention Members!

All the military departments and OSD FM organizations have websites. These websites provide valuable information about the organizations as well as training, education and career management. The websites are listed below:

Defense

<http://comptroller.defense.gov/>
<https://fmonline.ousdc.osd.mil/>

Army

<http://www.asafm.army.mil/>

Navy

<http://www.navyfmip.com/>

Air Force

<http://www.saffm.hq.af.mil/>

Coast Guard

<http://www.uscg.mil/>
<http://www.fincen.uscg.mil/>

Additional Learning Opportunities Are Available to ASMC Members at the Online Learning Center!

<http://www.asmconline.org/educationtraining/online-education/pdi-online>

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CDFM Corner

THE ASMC OFFERS THE CERTIFIED DEFENSE FINANCIAL MANAGER (CDFM) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND CERTIFICATION DESIGNATION TO THOSE PERSONS DESIRING TO DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY IN THE CORE ASPECTS OF DEFENSE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [HTTP://WWW.ASMONLINE.ORG/CERTIFICATION/CDFM-INFORMATION](http://www.asmonline.org/certification/cdfm-information)

Congratulations to the Washington Chapter's new CDFMs!

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